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- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
- ☒ application Serial No. 08/632,022, filed April 15, 1996.
- ☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____.

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my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled: ANAEROBIC TREATMENT PROCESS FOR THE RAPID HYDROLYSIS AND CONVERSION OF ORGANIC MATERIALS TO SOLUBLE AND GASEOUS COMPONENTS, the specification of which was filed on April 15, 1996 as Application Serial No. 08/632,022.

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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Prior Foreign Application(s): NONE

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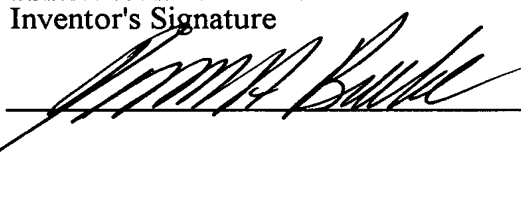
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